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NO NEED FOR COMPULSORY EDUCATION HERE.

There is no need for a compulsory education law in Newport News. According to the school census report recently submitted to the board of school trustees, about 80 per cent of all the children of school age in the city are enrolled in public or private schools. The school age is from 4 to 19 years, and when we consider the number of youths and young women of from 17 to 19 years of age who are at work, it appears that practically all of the city's children, white and black, are in the schools. This is an extraordinary, an astounding state of affairs. Superintendent Jenkins expresses the opinion that no city in the State and probably none in the country can show a better record. We doubt seriously that any city in the country has a record as good.

Another unusual and interesting feature of the local school situation is the remarkably large percentage of the school population enrolled in the public schools. Seventy-five per cent of all the children attend the public schools, only about 200 of more than 4,000 being enrolled in private institutions. The reason for this is obvious. There are no white private schools in the city except the two excellent Catholic academies, one for boys and one for girls, maintained by the Xavarian Brothers. About 189 children are enrolled in these schools, and 18 negroes are enrolled in a colored private school. All the rest go to the public schools.

Under the circumstances it is not surprising that Newport News is called upon to spend a considerable part of its gross revenues for the maintenance of its schools. With nearly all of the children in the public schools, the community ought to be willing to pay whatever may be necessary to make the schools the best that money can provide. In most cities of this size an appreciable number of tax payers spend substantial sums of money sending their young folks to private educational institutions. Here the children of the most prominent citizens go to school with those of the most humble, and everybody shares the cost.

The new census shows a decrease in the number of children of school age. This probably is due almost entirely to the change in the law making the minimum age seven instead of five.

CHECK WRITERS MUST BE CAREFUL.

A law enacted by the general assembly during the last session designed to put a stop to the worthless check writing habit became effective yesterday. Under the new law, the person who gives a worthless check, draft or order and fails to make the same good on demand, will be deemed guilty of larceny. The fact that the drawer did not have on deposit or to his credit "with the bank, person, firm or corporation" upon which the check, draft or order was drawn, will be prima facie evidence of fraudulent intent.

The burden of proof is thus trans-

ferred from the victim who accepts worthless paper and loses his money to the drawer of the check, draft or order. Heretofore it has been hard to reach the "check-drawer," because it has been well nigh impossible to prove fraudulent intent except in extraordinary cases. Usually the victim has been compelled to accept the drawer's statement that he believed he had money in the bank at the time the check was written.

This law, which was passed at the earnest solicitation of the State Merchants' Association, will give long needed protection to the merchants and business men generally. The honest man will keep a closer check upon his bank account and the deliberately dishonest individual will think some time before he gives worthless paper in return for money or anything else of value.

The person who unintentionally overdraws his account is amply protected from injustice. Before he can be punished for larceny, he must be given an opportunity to pay the amount of the check, draft or order.

THE CITY ITS OWN CREDITOR.

Alderman West's idea of investing the city's "sinking fund" in Newport News bonds seems to be an excellent one. Heretofore the "sinking fund" money has been deposited in banks to draw interest at the rate of 3 or 3½ per cent. The bonds Mr. West proposes to have the city purchase pay 4½ per cent interest annually, so if \$10,000 of the "sinking fund" money is invested in the bonds the city will clear up from \$100 to \$150 annually on the change. If the plans of the present council are carried out, the "sinking fund" will grow to considerable proportions during the years to come, and the saving of \$150 may grow into a saving of \$1,500 or more annually.

We are not prepared to say what the effect of Mr. West's plan would be upon the city's standing in the financial world. However, it would seem that the city hardly could hurt its credit by purchasing its own bonds. When we are anxious to become our own creditor, we prove that we, at least, think that our credit is pretty good.

Don't "cuss" over the telephone. Under a new State law which became effective yesterday you can be fined \$100 for swearing into an open receiver.

At any rate there should be no danger of a short water supply this summer.

NEGRO FINALLY LIBERATED.

Man Held in Jail for Fifty-eight Days With no Charge Against Him.

After being held in the city jail for 58 days for the authorities of New Kent county, Jake Lane, one of the two negroes arrested on the morning of April 19 as a suspect in the murder of Robert Tyree at Providence Forge, was liberated yesterday by Justice Brown at the request of Attorney W. T. Moss. The negro was held here for the New Kent authorities as a witness in the case, but the New Kent officers did not come after him and he was forgotten about until yesterday morning. Justice Brown told the negro to "beat it" from Newport News and he said that he "also would."

Miss Anne Laura Mills, of this city, and Frank M. Rainey, also of this city, were married at 9:30 o'clock yesterday morning at the home of Rev. E. T. Wellford, 222 Thirty-third street, the ceremony being performed by Mr. Wellford. Miss Josie Corlier attended the bride as maid of honor and J. G. Rainey was the best man for his brother. Mr. and Mrs. Rainey left on the 10:05 train for the Shenandoah valley and after their return they will be at home to their friends at 317 Forty-eighth street after July 1.

Biggs' Preliminary Hearing.

Richard Biggs, the negro who shot and killed Annie Davis Saturday, will be given a preliminary hearing before Justice Brown in the police court this morning.

Sentenced for Assault.

Asbury Wilson, a negro, was before Justice Brown yesterday morning on the charge of felonious cutting. He was convicted of assault and sentenced to three months in the city jail.

Gets Four Months in Jail.

"Lawyer" Hargrave, a negro, was convicted of stealing two bicycles and was sentenced to four months in jail by Justice Brown yesterday morning.

Picnic at Buckroe.

The East End Christian church Sunday school will have its annual outing to Buckroe Beach this year on next Tuesday. Special cars will leave this city at 9 o'clock.

Cook With Gas.

MARKET IS APATHETIC

Operations in Stocks Reduced to Stagnation.

OFFERINGS FOUND LIGHT

Professional Traders Argue Strong Undertone and Operate for an Advance, But Find Demand Thin and Prices Yield to Light Selling.

(By Associated Press.)
NEW YORK, June 15.—The stock market at present possesses no distinctive feature except its apathy. In the course of the day this amounted to stagnation. The professional traders found very light offerings of stock for sale, and they argued from this a strong undertone and operated in consequence, for an advance. Attempts to sell stocks, however, developed as thin a demand as there were offerings and prices yielded readily to light selling pressure.

Railroad officials still talk of the necessity of retrenchment until the time has arrived when they are allowed to put higher freight rates into force.

At the same time, there was a disposition in the financial district to ascribe a feeling of satisfaction to the capitalistic powers with the coming completion of the railroad bill.

The strength of Erie was supposed to be due to the evidence of improvement in its terminal facilities. The home coming of J. Pierpont Morgan was given also as an influence on that stock. Reading got some benefit from yesterday's extra dividend declared in Central of New Jersey controlled by Reading. Announcement of a traffic agreement between Southern Pacific and St. Louis & San Francisco, involving business between St. Louis and Gulf ports, had a strengthening influence on the Hariman property.

A pronounced recession in foreign exchange rates was a feature of the day. Bills against the Southern Pacific bonds placed in Germany were supposed to affect that market. There was also reported an encouraging development in the foreign trade situation in the declining tendency of value of imports in May, the bureau showing the smallest imports of any month since August of last year. The month's exports, at the same time, were sustained at a record for May only eclipsed in 1907. Some large sums were disbursed in dividends, including \$9,000,000 by the Standard Oil Company, but the money market was not appreciably affected.

Bonds were irregular. Total sales, par value, \$2,146,900. United States bonds were unchanged on call.

Total sales today, \$52,500 shares, including: Amalgamated Copper, 27,900; Sugar, 600; Chesapeake & Ohio, 2,500; Louisville & Nashville, 1,200; Norfolk & Western, 500 Reading, 82,400 Southern Railway, 200; pfd., 20; Tennessee Copper, 300; Union Pacific, 38,500; United States Steel, 65,000; Virginia Carolina Chemical, 900.

Closing List.

Allis-Chalmers pfd	29	American Locomotive	42½
Amalgamated Copper	62½	American Smelting & Refining	74½
American Agricultural	42	American Smelting & Refining pfd	103
American Beet Sugar	53½	American Sugar Refining	32
American Can	9	American Sugar Refining pfd	31½
American Car & Foundry	55	American Tobacco	135½
American Cotton Oil	61	American Tobacco pfd	134½
American Ice & Leather pfd	34	American Woolen	32
American Life Securities	23½	Arcandona Mining Co.	29½
American Linseed	12	Atchafalpa	163½
American Locomotive	42½	Atchafalpa pfd	191½
American Smelting & Refining	74½	Atlantic Coast Line	120
American Smelting & Refining pfd	103	Baltimore & Ohio	111½
American Sugar Refining	32	Bethlehem Steel	25
American Sugar Refining pfd	31½	Brooklyn Rapid Transit	77½
American Tobacco	135½	Canadian Pacific	195½
American Tobacco pfd	134½	Central Leather	37
American Woolen	32	Central Leather pfd	105
Arcandona Mining Co.	29½	Central of New Jersey	70
Atchafalpa	163½	Chicago & Alton	32½
Atchafalpa pfd	191½	Chesapeake & Ohio	80½
Atlantic Coast Line	120	Chicago Great Western	27
Baltimore & Ohio	111½	Chicago Great Western pfd	48½
Bethlehem Steel	25	Chicago & Northwestern	145
Brooklyn Rapid Transit	77½	Chicago, Mil. & St. Paul	125½
Canadian Pacific	195½	C. C. & St. Louis	18
Central Leather	37	Colorado Fuel & Iron	34½
Central Leather pfd	105	Colorado & Southern	56½
Central of New Jersey	70	Consolidated Gas	135½
Chicago & Alton	32½	Corn Products	15
Chesapeake & Ohio	80½	Delaware & Hudson	165½
Chicago Great Western	27	Denver & Rio Grande	34½
Chicago Great Western pfd	48½	Denver & Rio Grande pfd	78½
Chicago & Northwestern	145	First Nat'l Securities	20
Chicago, Mil. & St. Paul	125½	Erie	27½
C. C. & St. Louis	18	Erie 1st pfd	46
Colorado Fuel & Iron	34½	Erie 2nd pfd	33½
Colorado & Southern	56½	General Electric	143
Consolidated Gas	135½	Great Northern pfd	120½
Corn Products	15	Great Northern Ore Cts.	59½
Delaware & Hudson	165½	Illinois Central	132
Denver & Rio Grande	34½	Interborough-Met.	18½
Denver & Rio Grande pfd	78½	Interborough-Met. pfd	61
First Nat'l Securities	20	International Harvester	98½
Erie	27½	Inter-Marine pfd	17½
Erie 1st pfd	46	International Paper	11
Erie 2nd pfd	33½	International Pump	44½
General Electric	143	Iowa Central	18½
Great Northern pfd	120½	Kansas City Southern	31½
Great Northern Ore Cts.	59½	Kansas City Southern pfd	41½
Illinois Central	132	Laclede Gas	101½
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Louisville & Nashville	144½	North American	68½
Minneapolis & St. Louis	28	Northern Pacific	124½
Minn. St. P. & Saint St. M.	136	Pacific Mail	29½
Missouri, Kansas & Texas	58½	Pennsylvania	131½
Missouri, Kansas & Texas pfd	67	People's Gas	106½
Missouri Pacific	66½	Pittsburg, C. C. & St. Louis	98
National Biscuit	104	Pittsburg Coal	18
National Lead	73½	Pressed Steel Car	34½
Nat'l Ry. of Mexico 2nd pfd	26½	Pullman Palace Car	159
New York Central	116	Railway Steel Spring	34
New York, Ontario & Western	44½	Reading	153½
Norfolk & Western	100	Republic Steel	31
North American	68½	Republic Steel pfd	95½
Northern Pacific	124½	Rock Island Co. pfd	40½
Pacific Mail	29½	St. Louis & San Fran. 2nd pfd	43½
Pennsylvania	131½	St. Louis Southwestern	29½
People's Gas	106½	St. Louis Southwestern pfd	74½
Pittsburg, C. C. & St. Louis	98	Stees Sheffield Steel & Iron	68
Pittsburg Coal	18	Southern Pacific	121
Pressed Steel Car	34½	Southern Railway	25½
Pullman Palace Car	159	Southern Railway pfd	59½
Railway Steel Spring	34	Tennessee Copper	24½
Reading	153½	Texas & Pacific	29½
Republic Steel	31	Toledo, St. Louis & West	23
Republic Steel pfd	95½	Toledo, St. Louis & West pfd	56
Rock Island Co. pfd	40½	Union Pacific	170½
St. Louis & San Fran. 2nd pfd	43½	Union Pacific pfd	93
St. Louis Southwestern	29½	United States Realty	74
St. Louis Southwestern pfd	74½	United States Rubber	38
Stees Sheffield Steel & Iron	68	United States Steel	77
Southern Pacific	121	United States Steel pfd	115½
Southern Railway	25½	Utah Copper	43
Southern Railway pfd	59½	Virginia Carolina Chemical	58½
Tennessee Copper	24½	Wabash	18½
Texas & Pacific	29½	Wabash pfd	42½
Toledo, St. Louis & West	23	Western Maryland	44
Toledo, St. Louis & West pfd	56	Westinghouse Electric	60½
Union Pacific	170½	Western Union	63½
Union Pacific pfd	93	Wheeling & Lake Erie	4
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Wabash	18½		
Wabash pfd	42½		
Western Maryland	44		
Westinghouse Electric	60½		
Western Union	63½		
Wheeling & Lake Erie	4		

Chicago Grain Market.

CHICAGO, ILLS., June 15.—New wheat from Oklahoma began to be sold here today, and a tender contract to be delivered this city the first of July. The effect was a prompt advance of the price of wheat, by 10 cents, and at the same time an improvement in the quotations for the month's more deferred. The premium for December over September widened out to 1 cent against ½ last night. Official forecasts of clear weather for the northwest was coupled with demand that there had been any rain which was heavy and to be of material benefit to spring wheat, and gave the market here considerable



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strength the last half of the day. The close was steady at ¾ cent net advance for distant deliveries, and with the July delivery at exactly last night's figures. Corn finished ¾¢ to ½ cent up, and oats, ¾¢ cent. Final figures for provisions were irregular, 7½ cents lower to 5 cents higher.

Articles	Open	High	Low	Close
Wheat—				
July	92½	93½	92	92½
Sept.	89½	90½	89½	90
Dec.	89½	91½	89½	91
Corn—				
July	57½	58½	57½	58½
Sept.	57½	58½	57½	58½
Dec.	55½	56½	55½	56½
Oats—				
July	36	36½	36	36½
Sept.	34½	35½	34½	35½
Dec.	35½	36½	35½	36½
Mess Pork, per bbl.—				
July	22.80	23.00	22.70	22.80
Sept.	22.25	22.35	22.20	22.25
Lard, per 100 lbs.—				
July	12.50	12.55	12.40	12.40
Sept.	12.47½	12.55	12.40	12.40
Short Ribs, per 100 lbs.—				
July	13.12½	13.17½	13.00	13.00
Sept.	12.55	12.65	12.52½	12.52½

Treasury Statement.

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 15.—The condition of the treasury at the beginning of business today was as follows:

Trust funds:
Gold coin, \$860,448,869.
Silver dollars, \$491,631,900.
Silver dollars of 1890, \$3,690,000.
Silver certificates outstanding, \$491,631,900.
General fund:
Standard silver dollars in general fund, \$479,782.
Current liabilities, \$95,147,700.
Working balance in treasury offices, \$15,986,430.
In banks to credit of treasurer of the United States, \$40,947,735.
Subsidiary silver coin, \$20,940,223.
Miner coin, \$1,104,094.
Total balance in general fund, \$81,389,264.

New York Money Market.

NEW YORK, June 15.—Money on call steady; 2½¢ per cent; ruling rate and closing bid, 2½¢; offered at 2½¢. Time loans, very easy and dull; sixty days, 3½¢ per cent, and ninety days, 3½¢; six months, 4½¢.
Close: Prime mercantile paper, 4½¢ per cent. Sterling exchange steady at the recovery, with actual business in bankers' bills at 48.25-48.35 for sixty day bills, and at 48.60 for demand. Commercial bills, 48.35-48.40. Bar silver, 53½. Mexican dollars, 44. Government bonds, steady; railroad bonds, irregular.

Cotton Market.

NEW YORK, June 15.—Cotton—Spot closed quiet, 5 points lower middling uplands, 15.25; middling Gulf, 15.50; sales, 1,246 bales. Futures opened steady and closed easy.

	Open	High	Low	Close
June	15.15	15.15	15.15	15.12
July	15.15	15.26	15.15	15.20
Aug.	14.72	14.80	14.67	14.61
Sept.	13.74	13.78	13.72	13.78
Oct.	12.52	12.59	12.50	12.50
Nov.	12.40	12.40	12.40	12.40
Dec.	12.32	12.39	12.30	12.30
Jan.	12.71	12.35	12.28	12.28
March	12.28	12.35		